DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD: Sir, once a subscriber registers himself or herself with the NDNC registry, it will be valid for ten years. As far as business-to-business calls are concerned, any telephone user, if he or she registers himself or herself with the NDNC registry, that particular phone number will be in the registry, and if any tele-marketeer phone to that number from any number, then, they will be charged as per the tariff. I have already mentioned.

Construction of houses under JNNURM

*164 . MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:††
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has sanctioned Rs. 361 crores to Rajasthan under the JNNURM for construction of 20,000 new houses to replace the slums in seven towns in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that Orissa is among the most backward and poverty-stricken region;

(d) if so, whether such a project is also proposed to sanctioned for Orissa State to replace the slums; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Centre has sanctioned 22 projects with total project cost of Rs. 426.23 crores in Rajasthan under Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). This, includes cost of new construction/upgradation of 28,232 houses for urban poor as also cost of related infrastructure. The details of the projects approved under BSUP and THSDP are annexed as Statement I and II (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The projects under JNNURM are demand driven. No project proposal has been received from the State of Orissa under JNNURM.

†† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Ms. Pramila Bohidar.

Statement-I

Integrated Housing Slum Development Programme (IHSDP)
Projects Approved State of Rajasthan

Status as on 08.08.2007
(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	No. of District	Sl. No.	Name of ULBs/ Town Panchayat/ Municipality	No. of Project Approved	Total Project Cost Approved	Total No. of Dwelling Units Approved (New+ Up-gradation)	Total Central Share Approved	Total State Share Approved	Amount of 1st Installment (50% of Central Share approved)	Total ACA Released by M/o Finance till 08.08.2007
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Tonk	1	Tonk	1	3.32	0	2.66	0.66	1.33	1.33
2	Bikaner	2	Bikaner	1	1.24	136	1.00	0.25	0.50	0.50
3	Bhilwara	3	Gulabpura	1	4.46	0	3.57	0.89	1.78	1.78
		4	Asind	1	5.08	694	3.91	1.18	1.95	1.95
		5	Bhilwara	1	19.13	1704	15.10	4.03	7.55	7.55
4	Baran	6	Chhabra	1	4.47	312	3.58	0.89	1.79	1.79
5	Chittorgarh	7	Chittorgarh	1	6.70	540	5.12	1.58	2.56	2.56
6	Jhalawara	8	Bhawani Mandi	1	1.82	114	1.43	0.38	0.72	0.72

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		9	Jhalarpatan	1	4.21	413	3.16	1.05	1.58	1.58
7	Kota	10	Baran	1	9.70	407	7.37	2.33	3.68	3.68
8	Pali	11	Falna	1	4.46	361	3.52	0.95	1.76	1.76
		12	Bali Nagar	1	3.30	301	2.64	0.66	1.32	1.32
		13	Soajat	1	3.16	196	2.53	0.63	1.27	1.27
		14	Rani Nagar	1	0.79	19	0.63	0.16	0.32	0.32
		15	Sadri	1	1.29	46	1.03	0.26	0.52	0.52
9	Sikar	16	Sikar	1	5.44	556	4.35	1.09	2.18	2.18
10	Jhalawara	17	Jhalawara	1	4.58	245	3.48	1.10	1.74	1.74
11	Hanumangarh	18	Hanumangarh	1	22.25	651	17.54	4.71	8.77	8.77
12	Kota	19	Kota	1	21.62	1478	17.04	4.58	8.52	8.52
		20	Pali	1	22.06	2722	17.64	4.41	8.82.	8.82
	12		20	20	149.09	10895	117.30	31.79	58.65	58.65

Statement-II

JNNURM-Basic Service to the Urban Poor (Sub Mission II)
Projects Approved State of Rajasthan

Status as on 08.08.2007
(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Mission Cities	Number of Projects Approved	Total Project Cost Approved	Total No. of Dwelling Units Approved (Insitu + Relocation+Up-gradation)	Total Central Share Approved	Total State Share Approved	1st Install-ment (25% of Central Share)	Total ACA Released by M/o Finance
1	Ajmer-Pushkar	1	107.71	5337	84.57	23.14	21.14	21.14
2	Jaipur	1	169.43	12000	84.63	84.81	21.16	21.16
	SUB-TOTAL:	2	277.14	17337	169.20	107.95	42.30	42.30

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Hon. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether the Centre has any action plan to cover Cuttack, Sambhalpur, Rourkela, and other important cities of Orissa, in addition to Bhubaneshwar and Puri, to address slum problem. If yes, whether the Government has any plan to sanction necessary finance under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for above-mentioned cities of Orissa.

KUMARI SELJA: Sir, at the moment, under the JNNUR Mission, we have taken up sixty-three cities in the whole country. From Orissa, two cities have been included—Bhubaneshwar, the Capital, and Puri. In the near future, we really do not have any plans of including any other city. On the other hand, I would strongly urge upon the hon. Member from Orissa and other Members from the State that they should talk to the State Government because, time and again, my Ministry has taken up the matter with the State of Orissa, but, till now, it is one of the few States from where we have not received a single project either under the BSUP for the 'mission cities' or under the IHSDP for the small and medium towns.

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: What are the details about cities/towns which are under the Jawarharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission Programme, and what is the criterion for providing funds under this Scheme?

KUMARI SELJA: Sir, I have just replied that we have 63 cities in the whole country, out of which we have cities which are mega cities, then, there are cities which are million-plus but less than four million cities. And, then, there are other cities which include State capitals, and there are other cities of historic and religious importance. So, in all, we have about 63 cities, and funds are being allocated for them. Under the BSUP we give 50 per cent of the funds from the Centre, and under IHSDP, we give 80 per cent of the funds from the Centre.

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Mr. Chairman. Sir, my question relates to 63 cities which the hon. Minister referred to and which have been short-listed by the National Steering Group, particularly, these two cities in Orissa, Bhubaneshwar and Puri.

Sir, even pending any proposal from the State Government, I would like to point out an anomaly to the hon. Minister and request her to take care of this. This

categorisation of million-plus mega cities and less than one million has certain anomalies. For instance, today Bhubanesrwar and Cuttack have virtually become one city. The travel time between them is only 15 minutes. It is illogical to exclude Cuttack and have Bhubaneshwar because they have become one large million-plus city instead of two sub-million cities. May I know from the hon. Minister to confirm or assure us that she will take note of this anomaly and will include Cuttack, pending a project proposal from the State of Orissa?

KUMARI SELJA: Sir, there has been a demand for including Cuttack, but, then, as I said, first of all, these two cities or any other city might also be taken up from Orissa. We want to give funds to them. We want to give money for the poor. We want to give money for infrastructure. But there are no proposals coming forth from Orissa. I would strongly advise that they do something about these cities first, and, then, maybe, we can think about it.

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Sir, almost all States have slum clearance boards to clear slums where people live in inhuman conditions. Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether all these slum boards are working effectively or not. How many houses with basic amenities are being built to clear slums under the JNNURM Programme in and around Bangalore? I would also like to know whether the Ministry has received any new proposals from the Government of Karnataka.

KUMARI SELJA: Sir, as far as slums are concerned, this lies purely in the domain of the State Governments. On the other hand, under the JNNURM Programme, we receive proposals from the State Governments for upgradation or development of slums in a holistic manner for the mission cities and for the smaller cities.

As far as Karnataka is concerned, Sir, I can give the details to the hon. Member. Till now, under the BSUP, we have received two DPRs from Karnataka: from two cities. We have received 11 DPRs and the total project cost is Rs. 462 crores for about 16,000 dwelling units. But, I would like to assure the hon. Member that as and when we receive projects from the State Governments, we are very quick to clear them. We would welcome more projects from Karnataka. Karnataka is, actually, one of the States where we are giving a lot of money.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, this is a very good Scheme that has been announced by the Government to provide basic amenities to the people in populous towns. Huge funds are made available as per the Economic Survey that I read. Projects worth around Rs. 11,000 and odd crores have been sanctioned. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Government of India for inclusion of two cities, that is, Warangal and Tirupati under this Scheme; especially, Tirupati, which has got a vast floating population of more 3-4 lakhs on particular occasions, but, it does not have commensurate income. By floating population, the local party does not get that much of income. But amenities have to be provided. I would like to know whether the Government of India could consider the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government to sanction these two areas under the scheme and provide sufficient funds for providing various facilities. It is a very good and unique scheme that has been announced by the Government.

KUMARI SELJA: Sir, as is evident from the last two, three questions, there is a lot of demand for including other cities also under the Mission Cities. At the moment, there is no proposal for including any new city, but I would, again, strongly urge that in respect of those cities which are not included under the 63 Mission Cities, we can get proposals from the States under IHSDP. Under IHSDP, we are giving 80 per cent grant and under the Mission Cities BSUP, we are giving 50 per cent grant. As far as Tirupati is concerned, I visited there recently. We were happy to launch the concept of slum-free cities. From the city of Tirupati, we got tremendous response, and I hope that the State Government will take up this challenge in declaring Tirupati as a slum-free city in the country.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Slum is not at all a problem in Tirupati. The floating population...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please one question at a time...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, this is a very important question. Providing basic facilities for floating population...*(Interruptions)*... Slum is not problem...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no; Shri Matilal Sarkar. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the hon. Minister kindly let us know that out of these 63 cities, how many of them belong to North East? I would also like to know whether the city of Agartala is there. If not, what programme will be taken up for Agartala?

KUMARI SELJA: Sir, all the State capitals are included under the Mission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 165.

श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया: सर, राजस्थान से कम-से-कम एक को तो allow कीजिए ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, we will take up your question subsequently. We follow the procedure of the House of putting three supplementaries, and, we will continue with that.

Discontinuation of subsidy for Haj pilgrimage

*165. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to discontinue the financial subsidies to Haj pilgrims as per Allahabad High Court verdict; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its Order dated 7th May, 2007 has extended the stay on the operation of the Order dated 25.08.2006 in WP No. 3533/1995 of the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court.